

Medical

Statement of Witnesses - Dr. Paul Conrad PETERS

Deposition ?

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The appearance of this assistant professor of urology does nothing but clutter the record because he has nothing essential to add. The investigators considered him so unimportant that none ever questioned him. He was not asked to make a report and he didn't.

There are in his testimony several interesting, if unimportant, things. He and Dr. Jones pulled the President's pants down and Peters noticed the President was wearing not only his brace but an elastic bandage wrapped figure-eightwise around his pelvis to encompass both things^{gh} and the lower trunk. His thought at the time was that the President had been having pelvic pain and had put on this additional support to stabilize his lower pelvis.

His estimate of the area encompassed by the President's brace was "from the lower part of his chest to the pelvic girdle."

Larry, this bears on the President's ability to bend. If you're familiar with this type of lower back difficulty, you will understand that, with or without the brace, the most comfortable position was a completely erect one.

Dr. Peters also revealed that at the time last rites were administered, he, Mrs. Kennedy, Drs. Jenkins and Baxter and McClelland and the priest ~~and~~ were the only ones present because if the others hadn't already left voluntarily, Dr. Jenkins had asked them to.